



**HOOD CANAL COORDINATING COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2009 (1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM)
SILVERDALE BEACH HOTEL, SILVERDALE, WASHINGTON**

**MEETING SUMMARY
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ATTENDEES

Board Members

Dave Herrera, Skokomish Tribe
Jeromy Sullivan, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
John Austin, Jefferson Board of County Commissioners
Lynda Ring-Erickson, Mason Board of County Commissioners
Phil Johnson, Jefferson Board of County Commissioners
Ross Gallagher, Mason Board of County Commissioners
Steve Bauer, Kitsap Board of County Commissioners

Exofficio Members

Duane Fagergren, Puget Sound Partnership
Rebecca Ponzio, Puget Sound Partnership
Sally Toteff, Department of Ecology
Spencer Horning, US Navy—Bangor
Teri King, Washington Sea Grant/ECB Coordinator

HCCC Staff

Audrey Miles Cherney/Luke Cherney/Richard Brocksmitth/Robin Lawlis/Scott Brewer/
Sue Texeira

Other Attendees

Bob Hager, Lower Hood Canal Watershed
Chris Dunagan, Kitsap Sun
John Pitts, Leland Creek Community
Joe Mentor, Mentor Law Group
Ken Knutsen, WOSSA
Melisa Holman, The Nature Conservancy
Michael Blanton, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Pat Pearson, WSU Jefferson County Extension
Steve Heacock, Kitsap County Dept. of Community Development
J. Hunter, Quilcene community representative

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Phil Johnson, Jefferson County Commissioner and HCCC Chair, called the meeting to order without a quorum. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Phil Johnson, HCCC Chair, asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a presentation by John Pitts; the motion was made and seconded and the agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Phil Johnson, HCCC Chair, asked for a motion to approve the September 16, 2009 meeting summary. Scott confirmed that the motions that were pending approval from Kitsap County and the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (approval of the Vision for Hood Canal: Hood Canal Integrated Watershed Plan narrative outline and amended process timeline, including the general agenda for the November 6th meeting at Alderbrook, approval to proceed with pursuing applications for the following grants, and approval to move ahead with the Hood Canal Aquatic Rehabilitation Program TAC Recommendations) has since been accepted and approved but are not reflected in the meeting summary. The motion was made and seconded and the summary was approved.

HCCC STAFF ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 2009

Scott Brewer, Executive Director, Hood Canal Coordinating Council, distributed a list of current HCCC Staff Work Activities and Accomplishments for the board's review to generate questions and future discussions. The board is interested in seeing the staff activities list updated monthly.

A VISION FOR HOOD CANAL: HOOD CANAL INTEGRATED WATERSHED PLAN

Scott Brewer distributed a draft Scope of Work for the Hood Canal Integrated Watershed Action Plan (plan) and gave an overview of the Appendices:

- A. Criteria for Evaluating Indicators
- B. List of Potential Indicators
- C. Natural Resource-related Plans and Programs Related to the Hood Canal Watershed
- D. Action Organizations in the Hood Canal Watershed

Scott gave an update on the plan and presented a new timeline based on the board's direction at the last meeting. In the afternoon of the November 6, 2009 Hood Canal conference, the watershed groups will form panels to discuss integration models and implementing integrated resource plans (see program distributed). In addition, this plan will be launched in a special presentation to begin the public review process. This approach will be built on existing programs in place. It's critical that we have all relevant plans for review. The Board should let us know what is missing and what should not be included. We've starting compiling the plans and programs into one place so that when the plan is completed, you can use the website as a portal into the plans and supplementary reports and tools, which will be available soon. We are moving forward where we can with the inventory underway. Of course, we will need guidance from members on certain items. We will be using the same software and methodology as the Puget Sound Partnership to echo their efforts. It was suggested that although the projects are

probably all significant, each needs a description to make sure it should be on the list. If the list is too long and it's not clear to everyone, then it's hard to articulate and get the attention of people we need to support it (we need to know in lay terms why it is important and why we want to stick with it so that we can speak with passion). The problem is how we can choose indicators without knowing desired future conditions and visions. We tried to look at different tasks to see how long it would take to accomplish those; however, it is difficult to get information from people in the watershed without desired future conditions statement, but we do have that, just not in one place. When we get that done, we will be able to see how these indicators relate. The tools are important to prove or disprove. There are challenges with the tight timeframe. This will be a catalogue of the collection activities--some of it is difficult to find in the various governments and we don't want this to launch into a large consulting contract, so we're fitting in with other duties and in the fish area specifically. We have a good handle on what's out there and what's important to us will become clear, yet we can't do this without data; the money is not there to support. Duane Fagergren agreed to help connect us with the right people to fill in that data (WDFW and DNR data is needed now). We aren't exactly sure how the shellfish district fits, but that should be part of this somehow. Look at active groups investing in projects or part of the WRIA who can be useful and consider adding water quantity, aquifers to look at the whole picture. The desired future conditions is a big part of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and they are glad to be part of that and will include tribe resources and data that could be made available as they are in the process of collecting now. Port Gamble Bay clean-up should be included in the draft. Could this a good time to track low impact development results, how many projects, where they are, track building permits, and what percentage we can have coming into the Canal regarding impervious surface. What the staff has accomplished since the last meeting is impressive as this is a huge task. They also wanted us to develop a proposal for funding to do this project and hope that is moving along. If we can bring in money to hire people to get this done and then the Partnership could offer help as well if they like what we're doing. We believe this would be a good model for them to use. Since it will take more than a three-hour meeting once a month to give guidance to staff, we should develop a subcommittee, which is another time commitment. Scott distributed Immediate Actions to Take Toward Implementation of A Vision For Hood Canal: Hood Canal Integrated Watershed Action Plan on how to get this work done. We have grant proposals in now for funding and staffing. Recommend appointing an advisory/steering committee to assist in development of an involvement with the integrated action plan, which is needed for buy-in. This involvement has to happen from the beginning. We have advisory committees at our disposal already, the WRIA's, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) the board set up, which is part of the low dissolved oxygen issue. An adhoc committee to vet these things would be beneficial as well. A board committee or staff could go out to the planning units and get on their agenda, and we could take advantage of the Partnership at their meetings. We would look to our partners, ecology, DFW and other agencies. Scott asked the board to review the actions and get back to him as soon as possible. It was suggested that we engage two groups, organizations and agencies, a parallel path for public outreach on a regular basis. When we get the indicators, we need to think about end results in terms of the science and support of decisions. We'll need a longer list there, but the other one is the public, we need to make the case to them if we are asking them to modify behavior or pay more. We need to test it on the public without having to explain--a list of 4-5 things with an emotional component for them, not only to support science, but also translate to engage people, which will probably come out of this list, but needs to be noted. NOSSA extended an invitation to HCCC board and staff to discuss organization topics on the radio.

PROJECT CITIZEN PROPOSAL

Sue Texeira, Education and Outreach Coordinator, Hood Canal Coordinating Council, distributed a Proposal to the HCCC from Charles (Tom) Springer, 6th District Coordinator of Project Citizen. The project is the result of a request to combine efforts to accomplish various tasks identified to restore Hood Canal. In July 2009 Tom presented this project to the board. He rewrote the proposal with more details in order to get board support. This is a unique program to enable students to acquire a science-civics education and complete projects to help restore Hood Canal. Sue said this could be incorporated into the education and outreach program and that she and Richard Brocksmith would provide resources. It would involve 3-4 days of effort. Sue requested board approval for Tom to use the council's name in support and permit staff to work with them on this program. A motion was made for HCCC staff to move ahead with the project citizen proposal. The motion was seconded and approved. A status of the program will be given to the board as progress is made.

WINGS OVER WATERSHEDS PROPOSAL

Sue Texeira distributed Wings Over Watersheds Hood Canal Film Project proposal. Greg Bedinger gave a presentation to the board in April 2009. This is a follow-up to the board's request to provide more information. The organization isn't asking for funding. Instead they want to use the HCCC name and staff support on the issues in Hood Canal as well as scripting for the film. The question was raised if the HCCC could be held liable for any accidents if our name was attached to the project. This group came out of the LightHawk program and that program has a rigorous waiver; however, in this situation, it won't be people flying with them, it will be the people working with Wings Over Watersheds. Since directors of a non-profit are exempted from liability, this is more a question of the HCCC insurance policy limits. We can review HCCC insurance policies, waivers and indemnifications. A motion was made and approved to move forward with the partnership with Wings Over Watersheds and to put together a contract with the provision that we make it clear we are not responsible for maintenance of aircraft, accidents or liabilities that occur.

HCCC WEB PAGE UPDATE

Richard Brocksmith, Lead Entity Coordinator, and Sue Texeira have worked to upgrade the HCCC web site (www.hccc.wa.gov). Richard reviewed the new navigation tools. We will maintain basic information for groups who don't have capacity for their own websites to help them get their messages posted. We will include the integrated planning process when it's ready. He asked if the board wants protocols on what organizations should be on the website or left up to staff discretion. So far we've shown groups and partners who support the mission of the council. We can also draw from the integration plan and those who have applied for money and limit it to those organizations on that list so that if an organization wants to be involved and qualified as an action organization, they can have access. The board directed staff to draft a plan for review at the next meeting to help draw the line.

2009 SRFB PROJECT APPLICATIONS—LEAD ENTITY PROGRAM

Richard Brocksmith distributed the list of Final Ranked Order of Applications Submitted by HCCC to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board 2009 Grant Round. This is focused on salmon recovery projects; we also play a regional role for summery chum. Both committee and citizens have reviewed. The habitat work schedule on the website documents actions and schedules.

These are the projects that will be funded on December 11, 2009. We've had an independent review from NOAA on how well we are doing. A letter dated October 20, 2009 was distributed to the board Re: NMFS Puget Sound Domain Team Review of HCCC Summer Chum Salmon Habitat Projects Proposed for Funding in 2010, which states they are in concurrence. There are new policies where the money is kept for filtering down for other projects if the tops ones can't be completed (\$50,000 - \$100,000 will trickle down the list). We implement as much as possible as quickly as possible with alternates being funded in a matter of time. Richard reviewed the project and responded to various questions by the board.

PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP

Duane Fagergren: Gave an updates on the progress of the ORCA buoy on Dabob Bay (in place for next year's sampling), the advanced waste water treatment plant and HoodSkokPot reclamation project, and discussed a report that will be ready dealing with low oxygen conditions and the debates around the science.

Teri King: Gave the status of her committees and the action agenda. She will distribute the State of the Salmon report when available. There was discussion about the HCDOP which will lose funding and what can be done to accelerate the implementation of recommendations or developing actions.

Rebecca Ponzio: Gave two funding updates--yesterday the state senate and house agreed on \$50 million on 2010 budget for implementing the action agenda here in the Puget Sound. Last month there was reference to \$10 million RFP through EPA to implement action agenda on land use management. She is working with Scott to broaden the scope to allow HCCC to be eligible (now just tribes and counties can apply for \$500,000 to \$1 million dollar grants). She will send an RFP application as soon as they can. The EPA will have a workshop for people to hear criteria and examples of projects for a good application. The Partnership role will be to support each entity in developing the proposals.

HOOD CANAL HAPPENINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Pitts: He is representing a Leland Creek committee (Quilcene) of residents today on the problems of canary grass from Leland Lake to the creek and under hwy 101 to meet with little Quilcene river in Jefferson County. In the 1940's and 50's there was an abundance of salmon but they have decreased over the decades and were told it had to do with the culverts. In 2003, the creek, which feeds the wells almost ran dry with limited water flow. Al Latham helped them apply for a CREP program. Luke Cherney visited their property to see what they've done, which is to plant 10,000 trees, and saw that the grass was indeed invading aggressively affecting the flow of creek. The Quilcene community contacted the DEO to get permission to spray the grass and wrote a restoration plan to fix. They are willing to contribute \$400 and donate their labor. They want the HCCC staff to help develop the plan to remove barriers for suitable habitat for salmon and other fish and to restore water quality. There is also historical value because the railroad ran through there in the late 1880's. Mr. J. Hunter discussed what happened with the Pacific Ecological Institute (PEI) research study and plans of action to restore the habitat and their future vision of working together within the community to take plans to implementation in a quick timeframe. The Coho salmon have been spawning they found 700 juvenile salmonids. The wild fish conservancy helped with the findings and recommendations of the report. The HCSEG is working on restoration of the Little Quilcene. The results can be found at

www.pei.seattle.org. They identified key points and how much it will take to complete the project. A community-wide education program on the benefits is important--informing people that they have salmon on their property is valuable for buy-in. Richard Brocksmitth said they will do what they can to help support their efforts as this is a great opportunity. The next meeting is tomorrow with Al Latham and the soil conservation district.

Pat Pearson: View Creepy Chemicals Halloween flyers at www.jefferson.wsu.edu for watershed day to stop invisible invaders. Dr. John Stark has been doing studies on salmon and more recently on the affects of chemicals and will give a presentation on cutting edge research on October 31 from 9:00 to Noon at the WSU extension office in Jefferson County.

Steve Bauer: Asked about the status of the relationship and the non-profit and interagency agreement. Joe Mentor: The bylaw changes will be adopted at the annual meeting in January 2010. It could involve changing the name of one to avoid confusion. It involves integrated plan and implementation and what kind of governance may be required or not. We can take initial shot at bylaws to clean up, but when we implement a big aspect is funding and a major discussion is needed. We need to be able to enter into contracts, so there's no reason we can't apply for and there's no reason why we couldn't use the old model, where Kitsap County use to make the application on behalf of the organization, the non-profit gave us another way to write checks and have a bank account and sign contracts. At the January annual meeting we will come with options and considerations. We can't comingle money and have two organizations applying for two pots of money; we need to sets of money and reporting differently. We only have one set of books because we only have one organization entered into contract, Kitsap hasn't acted since the non-profit was born, it could be done otherwise if needed for status of Partnership and last grant. Dave Herrera: We committed to form a work group to look at this aspect and to look at integrated work plan. We weren't able to get members to participate but we should make another attempt to get those groups together. Since we're not meeting as a board in November, should we let that much time go by without doing anything, we can hold a special meeting in the meantime for that purpose. Does the board want a special meeting with any volunteers? We already created two subcommittees—and dropped the ball and if we make a motion, we need to make it happen. What about a meeting for those who can attend? Our vision is critical and should be worked on by the subcommittee. We'll get a notice out and get a date for two subcommittees, one for bylaws and one for council of government interlocal and another with integration plan, and maybe a third one for desired future conditions. HCCC will send out a notice to organize committee groups and determine meeting times. It was suggested that we use conference calls to accommodate schedules.

DATE, TIME & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Hood Canal Environmental Achievement Awards and Conference on November 6, 2009, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Alderbrook Resort and Spa, Union, WA.

The next regular board of directors meeting is January 20, 2010. There is no December 2009 meeting.